project is designed to further strengthen the Cell and to transform its present mainly administratively-oriented role into that of a dynamic unit capable of initiating and implementing modern planning and evaluation techniques at the sectoral level, thus enabling the Ministry effectively to lead the various operational bodies under its responsibility.

II. Objectives and activities

2. The immediate objective of the project is to achieve improved planning and implementation of development programmes in the field of petroleum and mineral resources fully in line with the country's over-all development objectives and priorities and based on adequate analysis, surveys and studies as required for proper plan formulation and implementation as well as timely policy decisions. To this end the intensive on-the-job training programme for existing staff and specialized consultancy services will be strengthened so that by the end of 1980 the existing Planning and Implementation Cell of the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources will have a permanent indigenous capacity and operational ability to: (a) formulate over-all policies and development strategies with respect to the exploration and exploitation of oil, gas, and mineral resources; (b) appraise, process and evaluate development schemes at the sectoral level; and (c) direct and co-ordinate activities of all relevant agencies and institutions active in the sector concerned through improved institutional linkages both with these agencies and institutions and with the national planning systems.

III. Inputs

3. UNDP will provide, through the Executing Agency, for the services of a chief technical adviser/economist planner, a petroleum geologist consultant and short-term consultants in specialized fields, to be decided at a later stage; for short-term fellowship training/study tours abroad and an intensive in-service training programme; and for equipment purchases and miscellaneous expenditures.

4. The Government will provide qualified professional and support staff, office space and supplies.

III. Financial data

5. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

	m/m	$
Personnel	60	316 300
Training		44 500
Equipment		14 900
Miscellaneous		12 300
		388 000

6. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $188,900 in kind.

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